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Chief Justice Leigh Saufley Appoints Justice Roland Cole to Lead the Maine Superior Court

For Immediate Release, Portland Maine, June 16, 2015. Maine Supreme Court Chief Justice Leigh I. Saufley today announced the appointment of Superior Court Justice Roland Cole to be the new Chief Justice of the Superior Court. Justice Cole replaces the former Chief Justice, Thomas Humphrey, who was recently appointed by Governor LePage to serve as a Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

In making the appointment, Chief Justice Saufley said, “I am delighted to announce that Justice Roland A. Cole has agreed to serve as Chief Justice of the Superior Court effective June 10, 2015. We are very fortunate that a judge with his skills and experience is willing to take on the responsibilities of the Chief Justice of the Superior Court.”

Justice Cole was first appointed to the District Court in 1981 by Governor Joseph E. Brennan. He was appointed to the Superior Court in 1986, and he previously served as Chief Justice of the Superior Court from June of 1995 to June of 1997.

Under Maine law, the Chief Justice of the Superior Court is appointed and serves at the pleasure of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court. The Chief Justice of the Superior Court is responsible for the operation of Maine’s 17 Superior Courts, one located in each county, except Aroostook, which has 2 Superior Courts.

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